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with their presence;
to His Honor, the Mayor of this loyal and historical City;
and to all our guests of the ecclesiastical and civic authorities;

To our President, Mrs. Harry M. Benzinger, to our fellow members of the I. F. C. A., and to every friend united with us in presence or in heart, the Pennsylvania Chapter offers a greeting beyond the power of words to express. 'Tis a greeting, which, though voiced in Philadelphia, vibrates to you from every point of the Keystone State, in a radio-message to which we pray you bring your hearts attune.

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Welcome, then, thrice welcome! And when, perforce, you must return whence you came, bear with you, not only our thanks for your coming, but, for the strengthening of the ties that bind us, carry us all, your Philadelphia relatives, deep imaged in your soul; and, at times, envisage that image; then, as Ascough says, "wrap it up in a few Hail Mary's."

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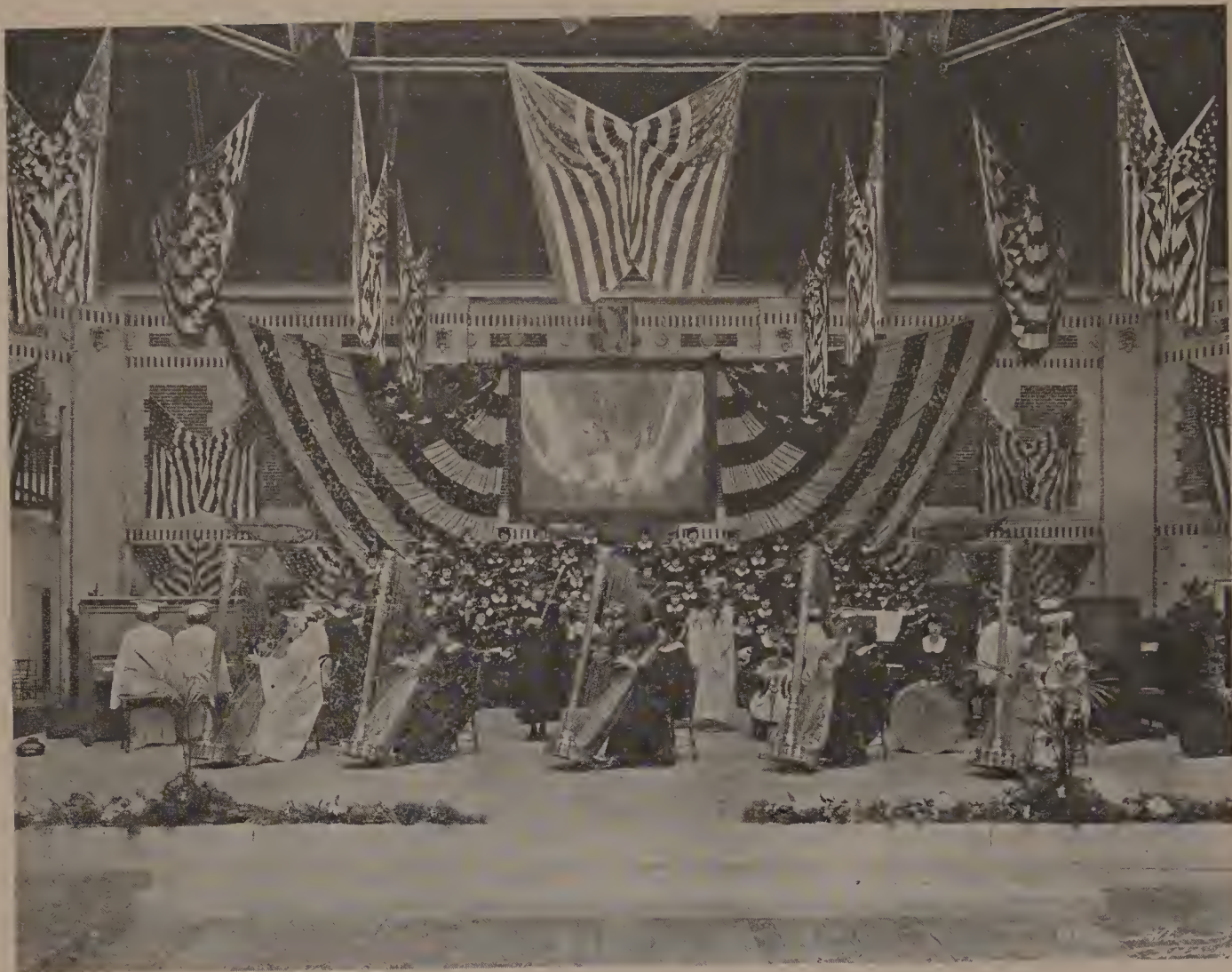
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The *Alumnae Association of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur*, West Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia, through its President, Miss Irene Bradford, takes pleasure in inviting the members of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae to attend the Sixth Biennial Convention at Philadelphia.

St. Leonard's Alumnae Association of the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus, 3833 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, join with all our associated Alumnae to invite the members of the International Federation of the Catholic Alumnae to attend the Sixth Biennial Convention, to be held in Philadelphia. Our Alumnae, through its President, Mrs. T. F. Devlin, extends a most cordial welcome to its honored guests and will exert every effort to make the attendance at this Convention a thoroughly happy and most memorable occasion.

The *Alumnae Association of St. Mary Academy*, Sisters of St. Joseph, Logan, Philadelphia, through its President, Miss Marie Greenfield, extends a cordial invitation to the members of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae to attend the Sixth Biennial Convention at Philadelphia, where a most hearty welcome awaits them, together with an earnest wish that their attendance at the Convention will be a happy and memorable one.

The Sisters of St. Joseph and the Alumnae of Mount St. Joseph, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, through its President, Miss Anne E. Judge, cordially invite the members of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae to attend the Sixth Biennial Convention in Philadelphia, October, 1924, and assure the members of a hearty welcome at Mount St. Joseph.

The *Alumnae Association of the Religious of the Sacred Heart at Eden Hall*, Torresdale, Philadelphia, through its President, Mrs. William M. Darlington, have the honor to invite the members of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, present at Philadelphia at the Sixth Biennial Convention, hoping to make their visit both pleasant and memorable.

Miss Bessie M. Fleming, President of the *Alumnae Association of St. John the Baptist High School*, Rector Street, Manayunk, Philadelphia, Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, extends a cordial invitation to the members of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae to attend the Sixth Biennial Convention, to be held at Philadelphia, and especially greets their honored guests with a desire that their attendance at this Convention will be long and pleasantly remembered.

The *Alumnae Association of Assisi High School*, Sisters of St. Joseph, Green and West Logan Streets, Germantown, Philadelphia, through its President, Miss Mary F. Collins, invites the members of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae to attend the Sixth Biennial Convention at Philadelphia, and extends a right hearty welcome to their honored guests and hopes to make their attendance at the Convention a happy and memorable one.

The *Alumnae Association of Villa Maria*, Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Immaculata, through its President, Miss Mary E. Walker, invites the members of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae to attend the Sixth Biennial Convention at Philadelphia and extends a most cordial welcome to its honored guests and hopes to make their attendance at the Convention a happy and memorable one.

The Sharon Alumnae, Sharon Hill, Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus, through its President, Miss Mary M. Kelley, most cordially invites the members of the I. F. C. A. to the Biennial Convention to be held in Philadelphia in October, hoping to show that Philadelphia is a City of Sisterly, as well as Brotherly, Love.

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The *Holy Cross Alumnae Association of Sacred Heart Academy*, Sisters of the Holy Cross, Lancaster, through its President, Miss Florence C. Yeager, extends a most cordial invitation to the members of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae to attend the Sixth Biennial Convention at Philadelphia. A hearty welcome awaits one and all.

The *Alumnae Association of St. Joseph's Academy*, Sisters of St. Joseph McSherrystown, through its President, Mrs. H. R. Arnold, invites the members of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae to attend the Sixth Biennial Convention in Philadelphia, and extends a hearty welcome to their honored guests.

The *Alumnae Association of Mount Aloysius Academy*, Sisters of Mercy, Cresson, through its President, Mrs. Stephen Q. Hayes, invites the members of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae to attend the Sixth Biennial Convention at Philadelphia, and extends a right hearty welcome, hoping to make their attendance at the Convention a happy and memorable one.

The *Alumnae Association of Seton Hill Academy*, under the Mother Seton Sisters of Charity, of Greensburg, through its President, Mrs. Marie E. D. Winter, is pleased to extend to the members of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae and to their honored guests, a most cordial invitation to attend the Sixth Biennial Convention, to be held in Philadelphia in October.

The *Alumnae Association of Seton Hill College*, Greensburg, Mother Seton Sisters of Charity, through its President, Miss Maria Louisa Caveney, extends a cordial invitation to their Sister-members of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae to attend the Sixth Biennial Convention in the City of Brotherly Love. It is esteemed a great privilege to receive such honored guests, and one and all are assured of a welcome, gracious and heartfelt.

In behalf of the Pittsburgh Sisters of Mercy and the members of *St. Xavier's Academy Alumnae Association*, Beatty, Mrs. Frank J. Lanahan, its President, cordially invites all members of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae to attend the Sixth Biennial Convention in Philadelphia, and extends a welcome to its honored guests.

The *Alumnae Association of St. Mary's of the Mount High School*, Mount Washington, Pittsburgh, Sisters Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, extends to the members of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae a most cordial welcome, and bids welcome to the Sixth Biennial Convention in Philadelphia, assuring all that attendance at the Convention will be most enjoyable, and will linger long in the memory of the visiting Alumnae.

The *Cathedral Alumnae Association*, Sisters of Mercy, Pittsburgh, through its President, Miss Agnes R. Dougherty, cordially invites the members of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae to attend the Sixth Biennial Convention at Philadelphia, and extends a most hearty welcome.

The *Alumnae Association of St. Benedict Academy*, Sisters of St. Benedict, Erie, through its President, Miss Edith Brigden, invites the members of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae to attend the Sixth Biennial Convention at Philadelphia, and extends a right hearty welcome, hoping to make attendance at the Convention a happy and memorable one.

The *Alumnae Association of the Ursuline Academy*, Ursuline Nuns, of 201 Winebiddle Avenue, Pittsburgh, through its President, Mrs. Thomas F. Coyle, cordially welcomes the members of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae to the Sixth Biennial Convention in Philadelphia, hoping the meeting will prove a happy and memorable event.

In behalf of the *Sacred Heart High School Alumnae Association*, of Pittsburgh, conducted by the Sisters of Charity, Miss Margaret M. Rattigan, President, extends to the members of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae and their honored guests a very cordial invitation and a sincere welcome to attend the Sixth Biennial Convention in Philadelphia.

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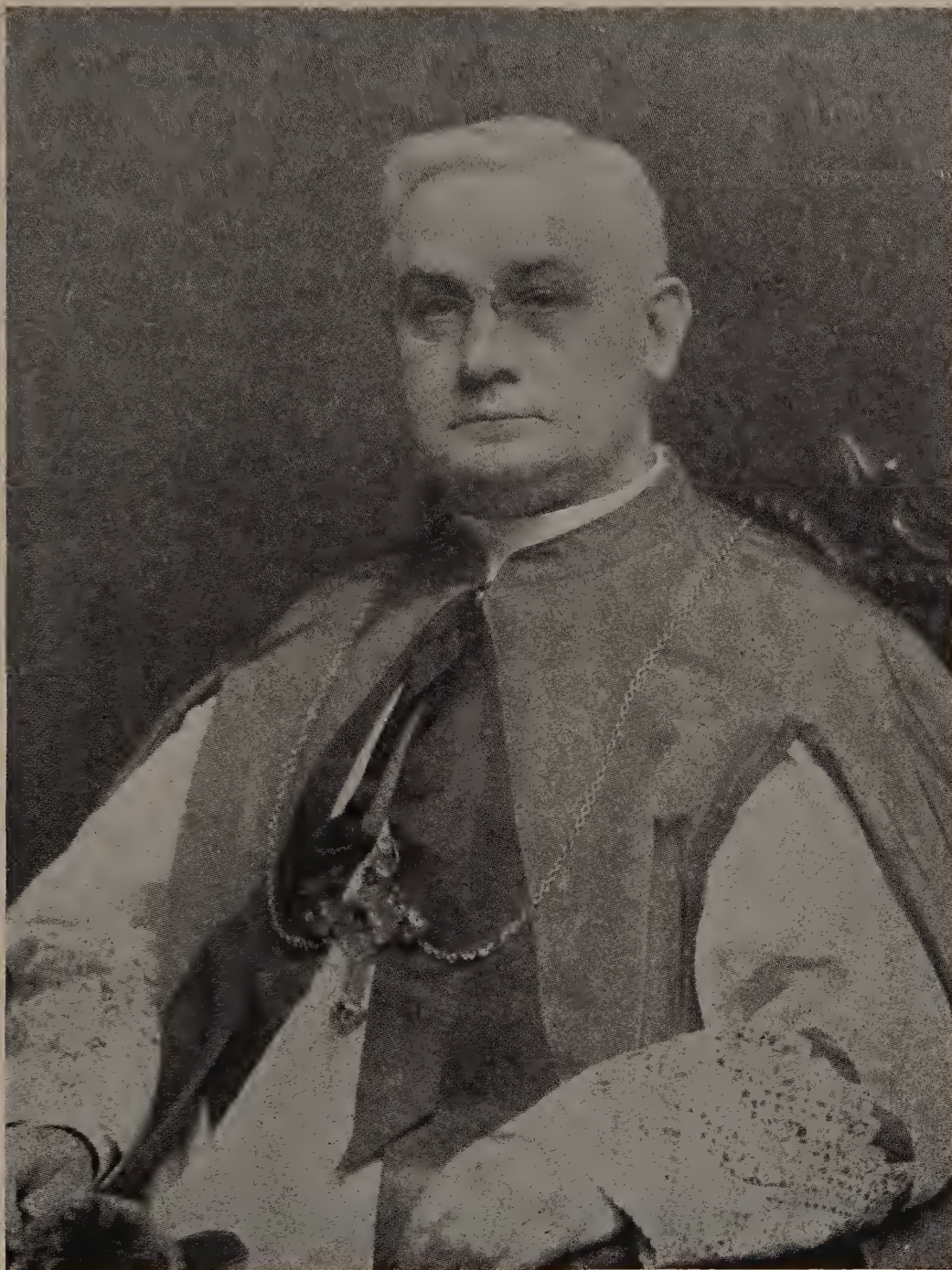
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The *Alumnae Association of Mt. Mercy Academy*, Sisters of Mercy, Pittsburgh, through its President, Mrs. James J. Flannery, Jr., urges the attendance of the members of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae to the Sixth Biennial Convention in Philadelphia, and assures them of a three-fold benefit, social, educational, and spiritual.

Holy Rosary High School Alumnae, Pittsburgh, in the name of the Sisters of St. Joseph and its President Miss Mercedes E. Kerr, extends to the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae a most cordial invitation and welcome to attend the Convention in Philadelphia.

Mt. St. Mary's Alumnae, Scranton, Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, through its President, Miss Mary Nilands, extends a most cordial invitation to the members of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae to attend the coming Convention in Philadelphia.

The 1,225 Alumnae members of the *Catholic Girls' High School*, Nineteenth and Wood Streets, Philadelphia, extends, through its President, Miss Claire Kane, in the name of the faculty, Rev. Joseph M. O'Hara, Superintendent, Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Sisters of Mercy, the Sisters of St. Joseph, the Sisters of St. Francis, and the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus, a hearty welcome to attend the Sixth Biennial Convention and to visit their High School while in Philadelphia.

The *Alumnae Association of Ravenhill Academy*, Germantown, Philadelphia, Assumption Nuns, extends on their entrance into affiliation with the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, most cordial greetings and sincere best wishes to the honored guests who will attend the Convention.



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- 7: 45 A.M. Mass, St. John's Church, 13th and Chestnut Streets.
- 9: 00 A.M. to 12: 15 P. M.—Meeting of the Executive Board, Pink Room.
- 12: 30 P. M. Luncheon and trip on the boat of His Honor, the
 Mayor of Philadelphia.
- 4: 00 P. M. to 6: 00 P. M.—Meeting of the Executive Board, Pink Room.
- 8: 00 P. M. Meeting of the Executive Board, Pink Room.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

- 9: 00 A.M. to 12: 30; 2: 30 to 4: 30—
Meeting of the Governors and Executive Board.
Right Reverend Monsignor Edward A. Pace, presiding. Green Room.
- 8: 00 P. M.—Reception to meet His Eminence, D. Cardinal Dougherty,
 Archbishop of Philadelphia.

March of The Priests (Mendelssohn)
 (Meyer-Davis Orchestra)

Greetings—Miss T. Florence Close, Governor of the Pennsylvania
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Carnival of Venice (Soprano Solo) (Benedict)
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

11:00 A.M.—Pontifical Mass at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul.

His Eminence, D. Cardinal Dougherty, Celebrant.

Sermon by His Grace, the Most Reverend Michael J. Curley, D.D.,
Archbishop of Baltimore.

1:30 P. M.—Luncheon, Sacred Heart Convent, Overbrook, Pennsylvania.

3:45 P. M.—Pageant, Our Lady of the Federation, Metropolitan Opera House, under
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5:30 P. M.—Benediction, Right Reverend Monsignor Nevin, F. Fisher, V.G., Prot.
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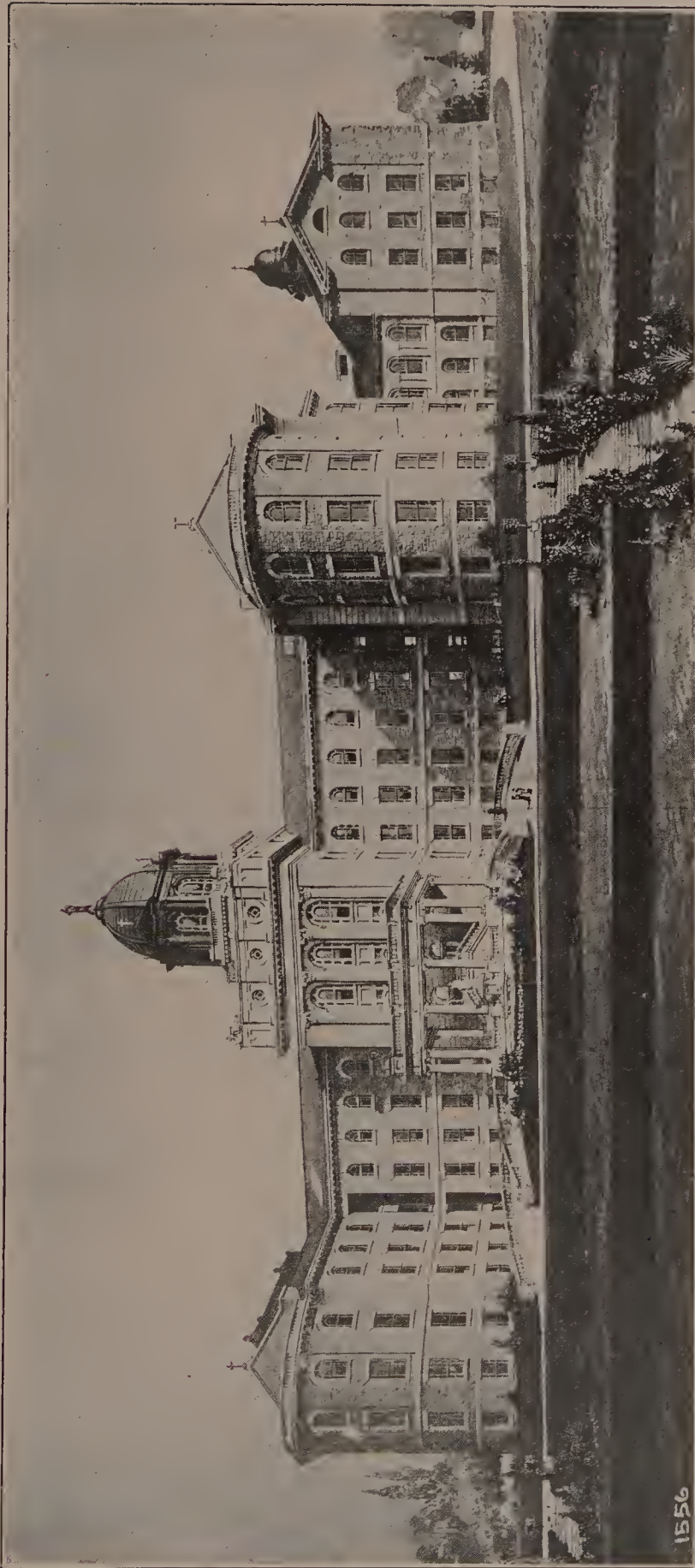
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8:00 A.M.—Mass and General Communion for the deceased Alumnae members at St. Patrick's Church, Twentieth and Locust Streets.

Right Reverend Michael J. Crane, D.D., V.G., Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, Celebrant.

Music by the Boy Choir of St. Francis of Assisi Church, under the direction of Miss Katherine A. Rowan, Organist.

9:30 A.M.—Opening Session of the Sixth Biennial Convention.

Mrs. Harry M. Benzinger, Visitation Alumnae, Baltimore, Md., President of the I. F. C. A., presiding.

Invocation—His Eminence, D. Cardinal Dougherty.

Federation Hymn—

Words and music by His Eminence, Cardinal O'Connell.

Miss Katherine A. Rowan, Chairman of Convention Music, conducting.

Address—Right Reverend Monsignor Edward A. Pace, Director.

Address—"Pro Deo et Doctrina."

Sister Mary De Paul Cogan, O.S.D., Co-Founder I. F. C. A.

Paper—"Are Catholic Schools Undemocratic?"

Reverend Joseph M. O'Hara, Superintendent of Parochial Schools of Philadelphia.

Roll Call.

Reading of Convention Call—Miss Anna R. Ward, Recording Secretary.

Preliminary Report of Committee on Credentials—

Miss Florence A. Colford, Chairman.

Report of President—Mrs. Harry M. Benzinger.

Announcement of Committees.

Report of Committee on Rules—Miss Regina Fisher, Chairman.

12:45 P. M.—Luncheon. Hostesses: Alumnae of Seton Hill College, Greensburg, Pa.; St. Joseph's Academy, Greensburg; Sacred Heart High School Alumni, Pittsburgh, Pa.

"The Press"—Mrs. Eugene Fusz, Governor of Missouri Chapter.

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Hymn—Our Lady of The Federation.

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Prayer—Reverend Joseph A. Skelly, C.M., Director of the Central Association of the Miraculous Medal.

President's Address—Mrs. Harry M. Benzinger.

Proposing and Doing—Right Reverend Monsignor Edward A. Pace.

At this session each Governor will give a brief report of what her Chapter has accomplished for Catholic Education, Literature and Social Service.

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7:45 A.M.

Mass, St. John's Church, 13th and Chestnut Streets.

9:00 A.M. to 12:00 M.—Session of the Department of Education.

Mrs. Mary B. Finan, A.B., First Vice-president, presiding.
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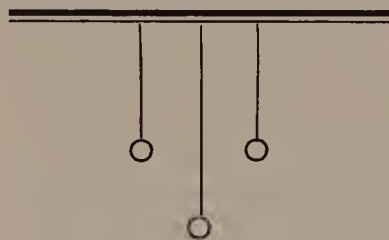
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General Discussion of Reports

12:45 P. M.—Luncheon. Hostesses: Mt. Mercy Academy, Pittsburgh; Cathedral High School Alumnae, Pittsburgh; Alumnae of Mt. St. Aloysius Academy, Cresson, Penna.; Alumnae of St. Xavier's Academy, Latrobe, Penna.

“Prejudice”—Mrs. Frank P. Serivener, A.B., Honorary Governor, Maryland Chapter.

“The Ideals of the Catholic Educated Women”—
Right Reverend John J. McCort, Bishop of Altoona.

Paper—A Valiant Woman and Her Influence on American Education.
Sister M. Basiline, B.V.M., Ph.D.

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:30 to 4:30 P. M.—Session of the Department of Social Service.
Miss Margaret O'Connell, Second Vice-President, presiding.
Sacred Heart Alumnae, Waco, Texas.

Prayer

Hymn—Our Lady of the Federation.

Report of Chairman of Department—Miss O'Connell.

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8:00 P. M.—Business Session.
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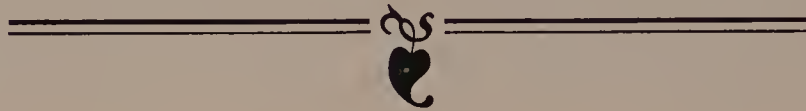
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Final Report of Committee on Credentials—Miss Florence A. Colford,
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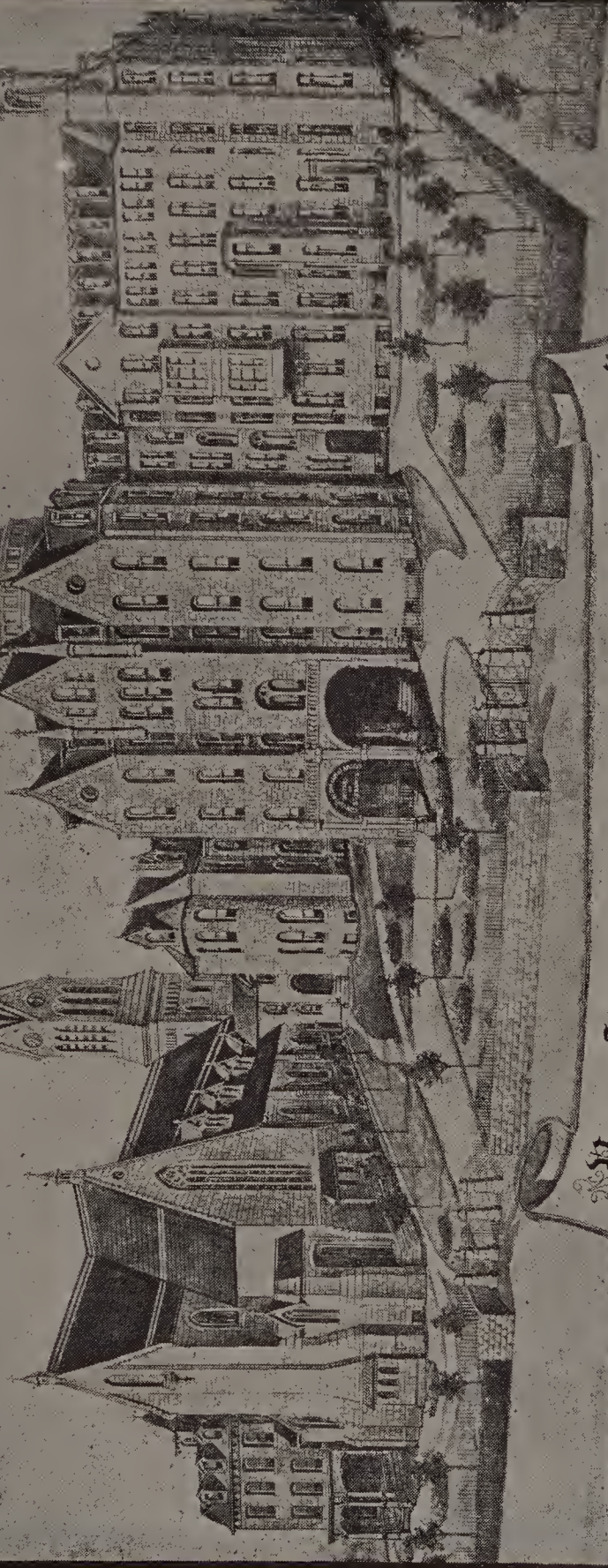
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7: 45 A.M.—Mass, St. John's Church, 13th and Chestnut Streets.

9: 00 A.M.—Session of the Department of Literature.

Mrs. Thomas A. McGoldrick, A.B., Third Vice-President, presiding.
St. Clara's College Alumnae, Sinsinawa, Wisconsin.

Prayer

Federation Hymn.

Report of Chairman of Department

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General Discussion of Reports

"Idealism and Literature"—Sister Mary Pius, M.A., Mt. St. Agnes
College, Maryland.

"The Importance of Our Catholic Press"—

The Reverend John J. Wynne, S. J.

"What the Federation Can Do for Motion Pictures"—

Colonel Jason S. Joy

11: 15 A. M.—Final Report of Committee on Revision.

11: 30 A.M.—Meeting of Nominating Committee.

12: 45 P. M.—Luncheon. Hostesses: Alumnae of the Sacred Heart Academy, Lancaster; St. Mary's of the Mount, High School Alumni, Pittsburgh; Alumnae of the Ursuline Academy, Pittsburgh; Catholic Girls' High School Alumnae, Philadelphia.

"The Stage"—Mrs. James F. Mallon, President of Loretto Alumnae, Toronto, Ontario.

"The Influence of the Catholic Educated Women"—

Right Reverend Michael J. Hoban, Bishop of Scranton.

2: 30 P. M.—Bulletin Session.

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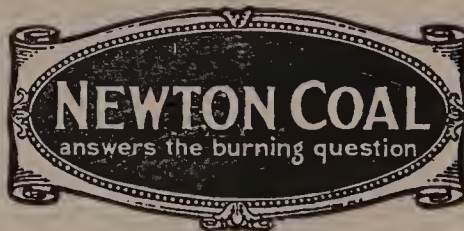
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"Selections"—Victor Herbert.

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The Spiritual Element in Life—Miss Agnes G. Regan, St. Rita's Alumnae, San Francisco, California.

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7:45 A.M.—Mass, St. John's Church, 13th and Chestnut Streets.

9:00 A.M.—Business Session. Mrs. Harry M. Benzinger, presiding.

Prayer

Report of the Committee on Nominations.

Unfinished Business.

11:00 A.M.—Election of Officers.

12:45 P. M.—Luncheon. Hostesses: Alumnae of St. Joseph's Academy, McSherrystown, Penna.; Alumnae of St. Mary's Academy, Logan, Penna.; St. Matthew's High School Alumni, Conshohocken, Penna.

"The Ballot"—Mrs. A. R. Meyers, Governor of Kentucky Chapter.

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2:30 P.M.—Afternoon Session. Mrs. Harry M. Benzinger, presiding.

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Unfinished Business.

New Business.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions—Mrs. Charles S. Woodruff,
Chairman Visitation Alumnae, Baltimore, Maryland.

Report of the Committee on Elections—Miss Frances Lichtner, Chair-
man Academy of Our Lady Alumnae, Longwood, Chicago, Illinois.

Meeting of the Executive Board on Call of the President.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

“Philadelphia Day”

8:00 A.M.—Leave Bellevue-Stratford by Automobile: Visiting Sisters Executive
Board, Governors, Delegates, International Chairmen and Regents
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9:30 A.M.—Mass in Convent Chapel.

Celebrant, Right Reverend Monsignor Fenton J. Fitzpatrick

Reception.

11:00 A.M.—Luncheon.

1:00 P.M.—Leave for Mt. St. Joseph’s Convent, Chestnut Hill, Penna., via Fair-
mount Park.

3:00 P.M.—Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

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Reception, Tea.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

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8:00 A.M.—Leave Bellevue-Stratford by Automobile, the same guests as on Friday.
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2:30 P.M.—Leaving for Valley Forge.

5:30 P.M.—Rosemont College. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament,
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SCENE TWO—

"Our Lady's Presentation in the Temple."

(The Presentation of the Federation.)

*"Mary's Presentation in the Temple old and gray,
Sign of the Federation's mystic Presentation Day."*

SCENE THREE—

"The Education of Mary."

(Education in the Federation.)

*"The Maiden Mary studied from rise to set of sun,
Oh Federation, love her schools, protect them every one!"*

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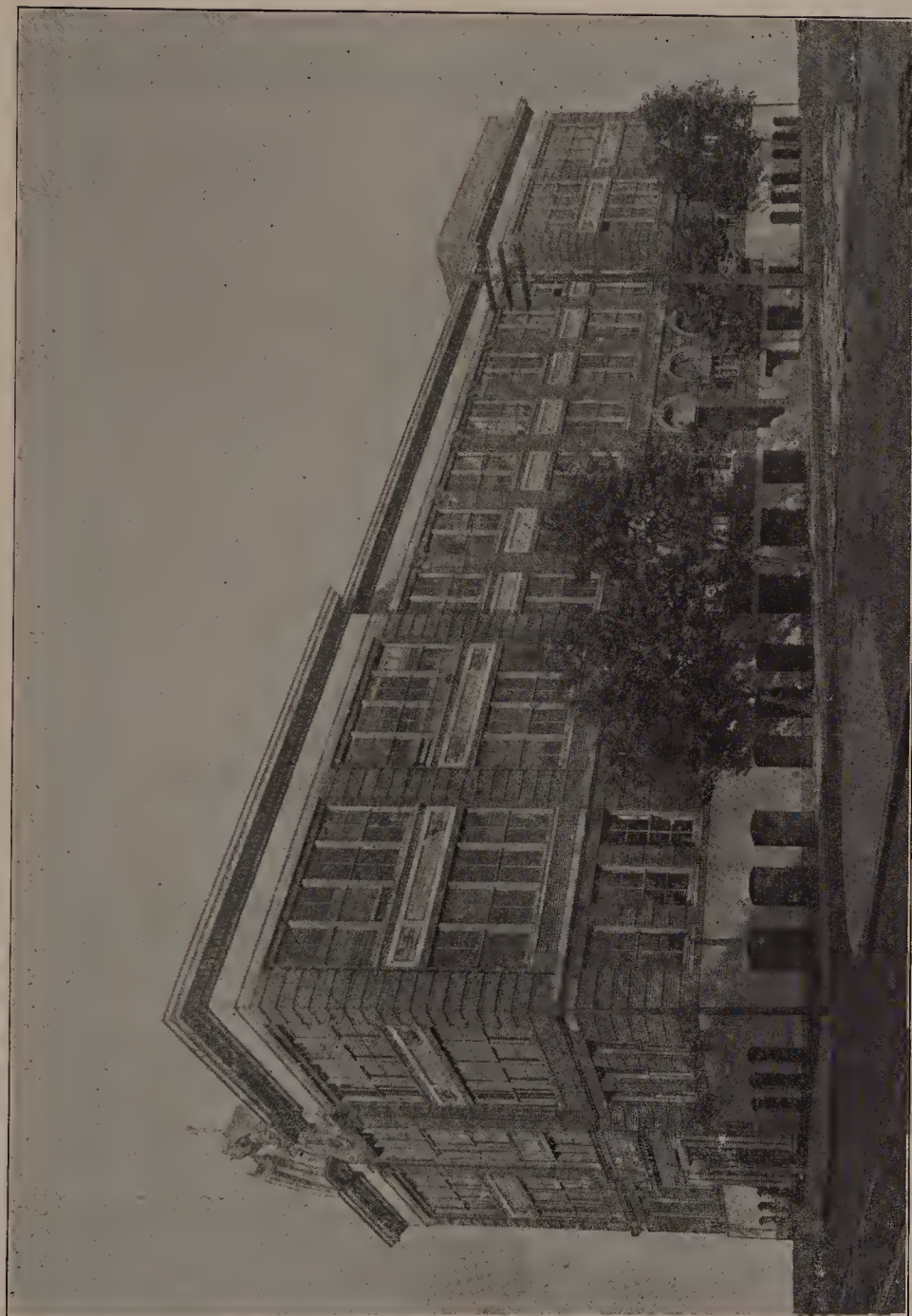
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SCENE SIX—

“The Holy Communion of Our Lady.”

(The Federation’s Saturday Communion.)

“Mary’s glad Communion with her Son, a happy tryst;
Model of our own with Him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.”

SCENE SEVEN—

“Our Lady of the Federation.”

(The Patroness of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae.)

“Lady of the Federation, all thy children cry to thee,
Gladly hail thee sovereign Queen of every land and sea!”

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Mary and the Federation

SCENE ONE—MARY IMMACULATE

(*The Conception of the Federation*)

Far in eternal ages, a Woman stood. Unfurled
The starry universe. Her footstool, God’s Own World!
The moon reposed low at her feet, and all the universe
Thanked God in adoration for the lifting of His Curse!
Clothed with the sun, immortal-rayed, the Queen of Earth and Sky,
IMMACULATE! The woman who would crush the serpent nigh!

In breathless awe, the angels looked upon that picture, too,
And smiled upon their wondrous Queen, enthroned in Heaven’s Blue.
But mortals, duller-eyed than they, saw not the privilege blest,
Until the saintly Pius Ninth, its grandeur glad confessed.
“IMMACULATE!” proclaimed abroad, the earth and heavens rang
With that triumphant chorus, that radiant angels sang!

“IMMACULATE!” the grateful voice of Mary’s own repeat,
And lay their hearts as pledge of love here at her virgin feet.
And Mary, looking kindly down upon the beauteous world,
Determined that by chain of prayer her banner be unfurled.
She sought another Bernadette, to perpetuate her plan
And found a Clare, whose love made her Our Lady’s artisan.

Within two bright and sparkling minds, there flashed a wondrous scheme,
That binds the hearts of Mary’s own, by love’s own prayerful beam.
A FEDERATION was the thought so brilliantly conceived
And only those who know its worth, would all its joys believe!
Conceived by these two faithful hearts, the plan grew more mature and grand
And Mary’s lovers took it up, with eager heart and hand!

They pledged a great ALLIANCE of full loyal hearts and true,
A standard pure of Mary’s Own, ’neath colors white and blue.
And Mary pure, Immaculate, looked down with happy smile
And promised her protection through the happy afterwhile.
Conceived, the child of Mary’s Heart, the FEDERATION grows
Until it spans our lovely land, from North to Southland rose.

Beneath the gracious mantle of Our QUEEN IMMACULATE
The Federation grows apace in every separate State.
Conceived IMMACULATE—it stands a pledge of Mary’s Love
The safeguard of her children’s souls to HEAVEN up above!
Chorus sings—“*Immaculata Conceptio.*”

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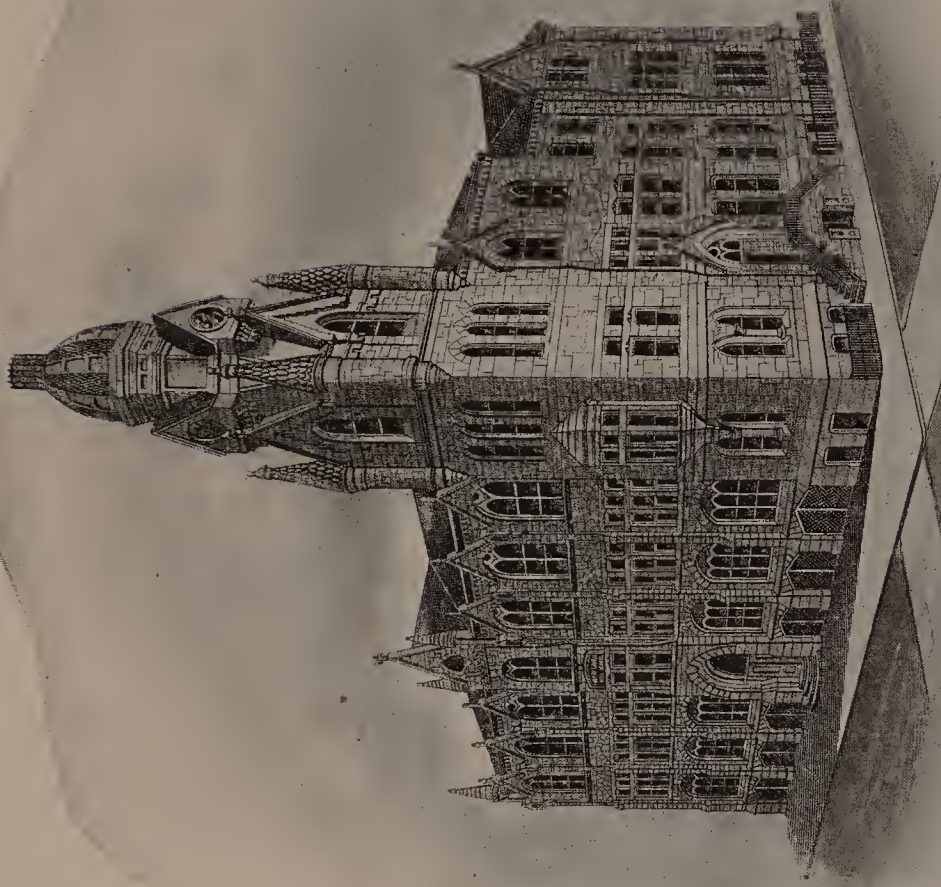
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SCENE TWO—MARY'S PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE

(The Presentation of the Federation)

And sweetly grew the babe who was conceived Immaculate,
In holy lands where hidden hearts are always consecrate.
'Til three small years she counted on her glowing finger-tips,
And angels veiled their eyes to see her home-love's dear eclipse.

The tender child must leave them now, great Joachim and Anne
She was the beauteous flower whence must blossom God's dear plan.
So to the Temple, old and gray, the Holy Couple came
And brought their little Mary with her childish heart aflame.

One tender look the tiny child bestowed upon her own—
Then (Holy Spirit of Sacrifice!) she climbed the steps alone!
The eyes of Mother Anne were filled with longing, wistful tears,
She bowed her head resignedly—still childless through the years!

The fresh young bud that grew upon her withered stem, she knew
Was destined for sublimer love than she could give her, too!
And Joachim the gentle, smiled, God's plans to glad adore,
Yet knew that Mary's baby arms would clasp him close no more.
But Mary crushing in her heart the awful weight of woe,
Climbed up her marble Calvary, as some day her Son would go.
Just three years old, a victim of eternal sacrifice!
The temple knew no fairer dove, God's Own from Paradise!

Years passed to centuries, and now a Presentation Day
Has come to Mary's children from their Mother far away.
So faraway in Heaven, yet so close, it always seems,
That Mary is the happy heart of all her children's dreams.

The aspirations first conceived in heart of virgin Clare,
Were soon to find fruition in the great world everywhere.
Unto her own must come again, the message glad and free
"I want my children's hearts all bound by prayer's chain unto Me!"

"A silver chain, it still must reach unto the ends of earth
Present THE FEDERATION to the world in joyous birth!"
Unto the Temple of Our God, the pleading message came,
And everywhere Alumnae blest its founder's holy name!
A tiny child—it left the home and heaven of that mind
And found a home within the hearts of Mary's children kind.
A living sacrifice to her, the FEDERATION
And to its faithful members, 'tis filled with heavenly bliss.

The little Mary walks with it, its every Calvary
And suffers willingly that we, her children, may be free!
Sweet reminiscence of that day when she to God was given
Our Lady's Presentation is a prelude of that Heaven
Which waits within the templed heart for every sacrifice
The FEDERATION's dear reward is God's Own Paradise.

For Mary's hand presents it the FEDERATION blest
Unto Her Son, as pledge of love by grateful hearts addressed.
And up the marble steps to God, the FEDERATION climbs
Its model Mary, child of God, its victory all times!

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SCENE THREE—THE EDUCATION OF MARY

(Education in the Federation)

Within the portals of the Temple old and gray,
The little Mary lived alone with virgin hearts away.
And often when the rest their leisure would enjoy,
The little Mary stole away her heart-ache to allay.

As close as was permitted she in holy prayer would kneel
Close to the Holy of Holies, that God's Presence she might feel.
And Gabriel o'ershadowing her, with soft and pearly wings,
She oft heard sweetest music, as when some angel sings.

What passed within that virgin mind, when Prophets read aloud
The Messianic prophecies of Him behind the cloud.
She heard how He, the Saviour, was so lowly to be born,
Within a lowly stable on a hillside all forlorn.

She questioned of the twinkling stars that smiled upon her face,
Who was to be the Mother of the God-Man full of grace?
And God upon the lessons of His Mother smiled down
With all the love of His pure Heart, her virgin soul He crowned.

Who doubts but that the Sacred Heart with eagerness and joy,
Longed for the day when on her heart, He slumbered as a-boy.
She wooed the angels from their thrones to attend her lessoned page,
And hoary Prophets listened to her counsels sweet and sage.
The other virgins in the shadowed Temple's lofty hall
Loved to repeat her tender words, her accents to recall.
Down through the ages, comes her Voice, with its deep-toned command:
"Protect the education of my own, yet Godless land!"

Protect the virgin hearts whose love is consecrated, too,
Unto My Son's Most Holy Love in mystic nuptials true.
Protect my schools that rear their heads, like purest ivory towers,
And educate within their walls pure girls, my lily flowers.

Extend the Kingdom of My Heart, by spotless purity,
Proclaim the glory of your Queen, conceived all holily.
The FEDERATION hears the voice that echoes down the years,
For Mary's tone familiar is to all her children's ears.
And rises up to answer their Mother's slogan blest
Protection for her well-loved schools from North to South and West.

Crusaders brave they will protect her Sisterhoods from harms,
And carry out her own commands beneath their Lady's arms
The Girl who longed to serve the Queen—Christ's Mother yet to be
Is serving now the hearts of all who own her sovereignty!

Within her Heart is strength—her ensign bears a dove—
Our Education's Champion—her banner teaches—LOVE!

Chorus sings.

SCENE FOUR—THE VISITATION OF MARY TO ELIZABETH

(The Federation's Social Service)

The rush of Gabriel's outstretched wings had scarcely ceased, until
Our lady hastened o'er the steep, the rocky mountain hill
Upon whose vine-clad slopes—Judea's hill country
There dwelt the mighty mother of a mightier to be—
Elizabeth, the heart that bore so close unto its own,
The throbbing heart of him, whom Christ was pleased to own.

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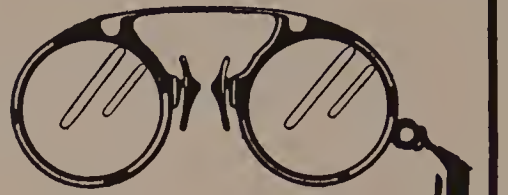
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"Among the sturdy sons of men, none is greater than is he!"
Laboriously the virgin climbed the rough and craggy hill
The lowly-hearted Joseph now, as ever, with her still.
And often on the rocky path our Lady paused to rest
And Jesus' heart against her own throbbed sweetly in her breast.

Adoring angels guarded well, the passes of that way,
And God smiled down upon God's Son, in tabernacled clay.
Across the path the butterflies winged in the azure blue,
And flowers sprang beneath her feet, and like her eyes were blue.
Up, up the slope, they travelled on, the old man and the maid
Until they reached the vine-clad home that Zachary had made.

Into the arms Elizabeth outstretched so lovingly,
Our Lady sank, but lifted up her voice triumphantly:
"My soul doth magnify the Lord!" the girlish voice rang free,
And down the centuries it comes to hearts of you and me.
She calls us, Mother Mary, for a mission great to do
The magnifying of Our God by lives all good and true.
Again the SOCIAL SERVICE of a vast society
Took up that universal cry of her humility.
And following in Mary's steps, they magnify the Lord,
And let the Love of God be e'er their gallantry's reward.
This is their slogan socially, her praise they imitate,
The magnifying of the Lord by Mary consecrate.

Beneath the good that comes to them in whatsoever guise
Is that strong love of Mary for which her Pure Heart sighs.
They are her own MAGNIFICATS—her social life their own
And Mary is their model upon her lofty throne.
Since she visited Elizabeth in holy charity
Her children, too, will still prolong her sacred ministry.
And Mary's glad "Magnificat!" is sung by countless lips
Who sing it gladly in the love that never knows eclipse!

Chorus sings: "*The Magnificat!*"

SCENE FIVE—OUR LADY OF LIGHT

(The Federation and Braille)

When God's Voice dawned on Chaos, all the dark of night did flee
And o'er the world there flashed forth light—light over land and sea!
And all the shadows fled away, and LIGHT became the King
And through the glorious ether new, Creation's song did ring!

When Christ walked on the hills He loved, and sat Him down to rest
The little children flocked to Him, and crept unto His Breast.
His Holy Arms clasped in Their Love, the innocent and good,
And hungry little children's hearts found here their Heavenly Food.

Then Mary smiled as she looked down, and saw their childish play
And hid within her heart the thought when He was small as they.
When first there dawned the light of love upon His Baby Face,
When close with her arms she held her Babe in Bethlehem's place.

Upon the scene a blind-man comes—Mother of light, stand still,
For He, the Light of all the World, the blind-man's eyes will fill
With glorious and dazzling Light, a new creation sweet
Until the blind-man staggers down to kiss His Saviour's Feet.

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Mother of Light, Thy heart knew well that He would cure the blind,
Mother of Love, Thou knowest His Heart could never be unkind.
Mother of Light, Thou stand'st for us, through all these happy years,
Our eyes are blinded with the love that shines through grateful tears.

And knowing well that Jesus loved the poor, the leprous, blind,
The Queen of Light inspires her own to be to them most kind.
By happy Braille, the poor blind eyes will see again.
No longer will affliction be a barrier unto them.

But swift and sure across the page will travel swifter hand
And poor dark minds at last will know and fully understand.
Blind hearts and hands the FEDERATION both must elevate,
And to the Queen of Light, the Blind all consecrate.

Through labor and through tears must be brought forth her blind
That She, our Queen of Light, her subjects true may find.
Hail to the Lady fair of Light, the Light of Reason shine
Upon Her Fair White Brow, with intellect combine!
The Light that never was on any land and sea—
Hail to our Lady Queen of Light—that awaits ETERNITY!

Chorus sings: "*Our Lady of Light!*"

SCENE SIX—THE HOLY COMMUNION OF MARY

(The Federation's Saturday Communion)

Lonely? Our Lady lonely when her Dear Son went away?
When the lone earth missed the foot-prints that had marked His holy way?
Unutterably lonesome, was the Mother's heart, as when
Her little bird must fly away beyond his mother's ken.

But Jesus, ever knowing the secrets of the heart,
Determined He would leave her, when Both of Them must part
A sweet MEMENTO of His Love, nay, His Own Dear Self, we know,
In dawn's first sweet Communion, when John was bending low.

Fifteen years Our Lady stayed on to wait His eager call
And like the hidden years of Twelve, they are of sweet recall.
For living daily in her heart as once in Nazareth,
Her Jesus, God was glad adored with every virgin breath.

The Pure White Tabernacle that was ever all His Own
Because in sweet Communion, His happy earthly throne.
What joy our Lady felt, when once more within Her Heart
She held her Jesus to Her, nevermore from Him to part.

What long, ecstatic Interviews, those Great Communions were
How Jesus must have breathless longed again to dwell with her.
And in that Mystical Embrace, when God's Kiss met her own
When God Himself, her Little Boy, became once more her own.

Did not Our Lady speak of you, dear Federation blest?
Beseeching at her Marriage Feast, her own Heart's one request.
"My Son," she seems to whisper, could we roll back the years,
I long to have a Saturday, when to Thy Heart appears

Each lowly little child of mine, to meet in Holy Tryst,
In Holy Love to meet with Thee, the tender loving Christ.
A Saturday that Thou wilt love, dear Son, because of me,
When to the Heaven of Thy Heart, Thine Own come holily.

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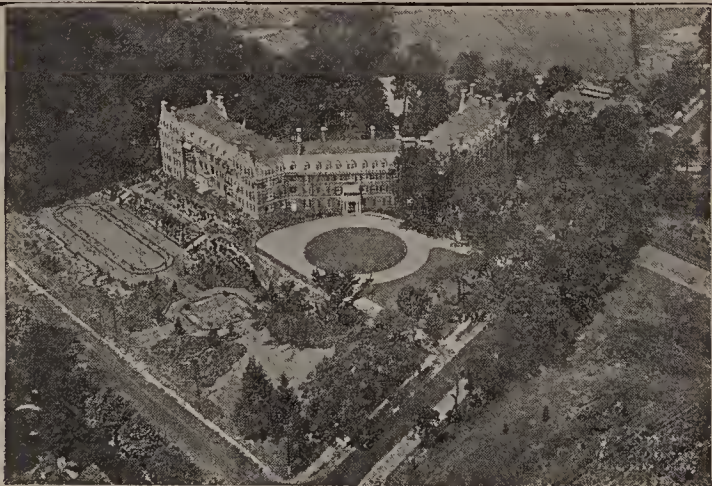
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And Jesus, smiling on His Own, ne'er refusing Her request
Counts o'er the gentle heart-beats as she leans upon His Breast.
And from the small White Host, that rests within John's pure white hand
Speaks forth the gentle Heart of Christ, that all may understand:

"The Saturday that cometh close upon my Own Friday,
The First Sweet Friday of the Month, My Reparation Day,
I will that they should honor Thee, My Mother, tenderly,
Receiving of My Flesh and Blood, in loving memory!"

This is the glad re-union that Our Lady loves to claim,
The silver chain of prayer that binds to Jesus' Heart aflame.

Around the world, the edict goes, and meets a glad return,
And holy hearts leap up, for joy, and colder hearts must burn.
Oh Jesus, Mary, Thy dear TRYST is ours to send along—
Where'er shall drift the echo of our grateful, happy song.

Ours, too, the glad fulfillment of Mary's promised joy,
The happiness that ever waits the lovers of her BOY.

In this fair sweet Communion we share our own with her,
We meet our Lady Mother in the happy days that were,
Where once upon Judean hills He walked with gentle grace,
And Mary lived but in the glance, the sunshine of His Face.

Prolong the holy, happy TRYST, ye FEDERATION strong,
Our Saturday COMMUNION e'er the tenor of your song.
Let this sweet meeting with your God, a happy prelude be
To some sweet Saturday at HOME, with HIM—ETERNALLY.

SCENE SEVEN—OUR LADY OF THE FEDERATION

(The Patronesses of the I. F. C. A.)

Upon Our Tryst with God's Pure Heart, Our Lady's Blessing lies,
How much She loves each tryster will be known in Paradise.
The Federation follows in her footsteps like a child,
And knows that in its Mother's Love 'twill come forth undefiled.
Conceived Immaculate like Her, it stands for all that's good,
And finds in Christ's most Precious Blood its all sustaining FOOD.
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What need the FEDERATION fear from bigot-enemy?
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What need it fear of failure—its victories are HER OWN!
And Mary's Heart, the Refuge, Her Love its brilliant throne.

Arise, then, eager hearts, profess your love, your honor, too,
To MARY OF THE FEDERATION in her silver and her blue!
Until the old world's heart is still, the Federation lives
And to the Heart of Virgin Queen, its every honor gives!
Chant then, her Name, ye Federates, proclaim your loyalty
"Sweet Lady of Our Hearts we cry, our song goes up to thee!"

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By thy silver chain of prayer
Bind us closer to thine own!

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Spanning all God's joyous world,
Lady of the Federation,
Keep thy banner pure unfurled.

Heart and hand we pledge thee, Lady,
Every soul an eager knight,
Lady of the Federation,
Shield us in thy sceptred might!

Love shall be eternal crowning,
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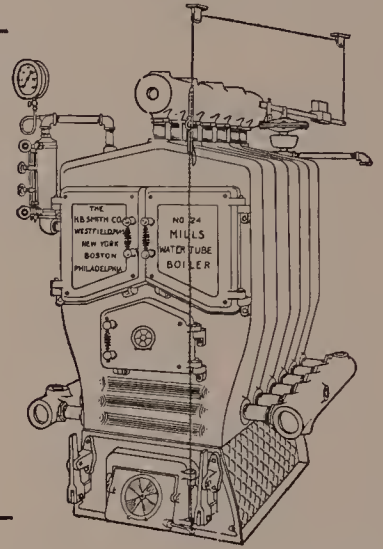
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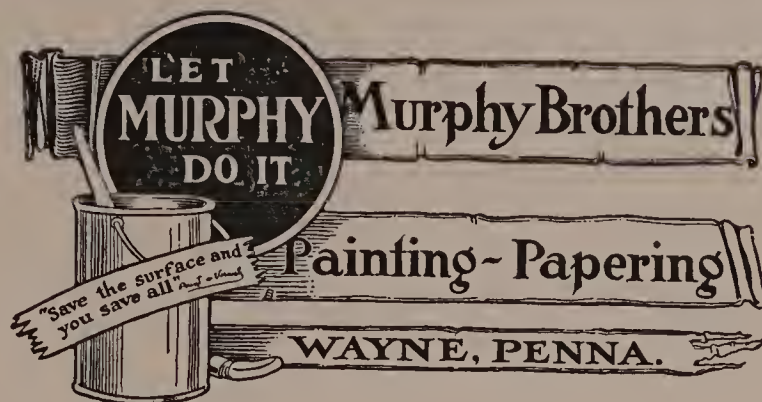
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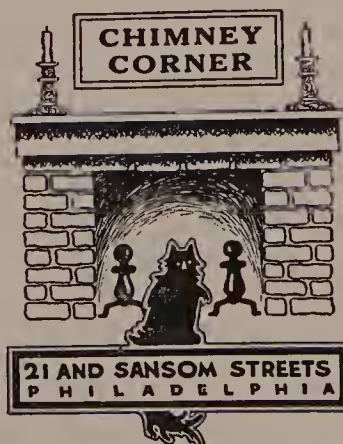
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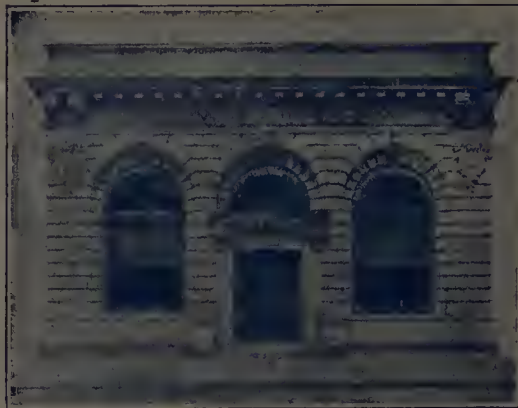
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